(c) what are the corrective measures taken up and the mechanism to avert recurrences?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir

(b) The major lapses pointed out by C & AG relate to shortfalls in academic, administrative and accounts departments of the Institute.

(c) The CAG report had related to the year 2001-02 to 2005-06; since then major corrective measures have been taken up all the points noted by CAG. There has been substantial improvement in the systems and procedures including internal controls, gradual computerization of academic and administrative functions within the overall framework of the budget.

Revenue from DTH operators

2118. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is getting any regular revenue from the DTH operators;

(b) if so, what is the amount of revenue Government is getting; and

(c) whether those revenues include hardware cost and carriage fee collected from various TV channels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government gets a share of 10% of Gross Revenue from the DTH licensees as reflected in the audited accounts of the company for that particular financial year. Gross Revenue as defined under Article-3 of the License agreement will include revenues received from hardware sales or rentals from subscribers and carriage fee, if any, collected from various TV channels.

Regulatory mechanism for broadcasting sector

2119. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regulatory mechanism is proposed for broadcasting sector;

(b) if so, will it be ensured that freedom of expression as guaranteed in our Constitution is not compromised; and

(c) whether bodies like News Broadcasters Association are being consulted before any code of conduct is finalized?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed draft Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill has provisions for constitution in of Broadcasting Services Regulatory Authority.

(b) The proposed Bill does not compromise the freedom of expression as guaranteed in our Constitution.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has been consulting stakeholders including News Broadcasters Association on the proposed Bill.